

Spyderco Wayne Goddard Knives by ibdennis

There are times when I wish I would not become so enamored with a particular style of knife. You know the old question about, "What should I collect?" The shorter list for me would be, "What haven't I collected?" Just when I seem to have satisfied my latest interest, a new angle pops into my head; and I am off and running into another collectable direction. There is really no emotional reason not to do this; but there is a financial concern, as my best friend keeps reminding me.



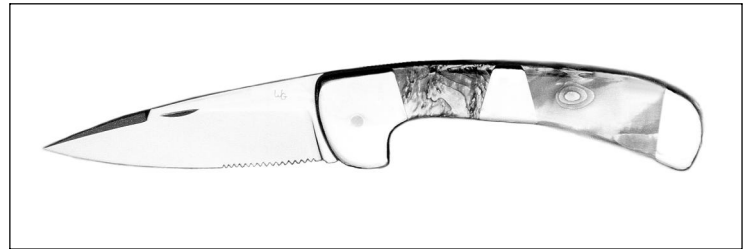
I have explained the utilitarian use, I have explained the ability to attain a set goal, I have explained the investment value and the fun of the search; but somehow my salesmanship is lacking for the closure. But I have received a consenting voice from dear elayne for my latest collectable niche which seems to strike near and dear to her interests.

Spyderco knives are a favorite of Elayne as is the guy that runs the place, Sal Glesser. She also has a fondness and respect for the designer of the Spyderco knife style that I am collecting or accumulating (whichever term best fits). Wayne Goddard is that designer. Over the years we have purchased a few of the Spyderco/Goddard knives that have appealed to us and have used them, as opposed to collected them. With the advent of the special released knives or limited run Spyderco Wayne Goddard designed knives, we became interested to acquire the whole series with all the variations of these knives.

This series of knives made by Spyderco are referred to as the ClipIt pattern. They get their name from the clip that allows pocket carry. Since Phyllis Goddard handles the Goddard ClipIts, she has affectionately been named the ClipIt lady. The ClipIt lady has done very well supplying us with the various styles over the years. Since I personally prefer non-serrated versions of pocketknives, I did not have a full collection of the Spyderco/Goddard knives. I asked Wayne if he had a complete list and the history of the knives. He did have the history but not a complete list of all the variations. Because of my questions, Wayne created a table with all the variations.

Sal Glesser, Spyderco Knives, had been approaching custom knifemakers to design knives with his patented knife opening device (a round hole in the blade), patent number 4,347,665 dated 09/07/82. In May 1990 Wayne submitted his design knife to Sal.

Wayne's design was unique, he blended the hole into the flowing form and function of the knife. The designed knife was functional and cosmetically appealing. The design was inspired by an older



design Wayne had used many years before and continued to use in his custom made knives. The design was called Odin's Claw. It should be noted that although the serration of blades goes back to bread and roast beef knives, the idea of a serrated folding pocketknife blade might first have been seen on a Wayne Goddard Odin's Claw knife in 1974.

There are three distinct offerings of the Goddard Spyderco knife which are defined as the "Papa", the "Junior" and the "Baby Goddard." As suggested by the name, these are size specific; and the exact sizes are given in the accompanying chart. The original "Papa" was issued in November 1991, with a partial serrated blade and a full serrated blade with black Micarta handles. The "Junior" model with black Micarta handles was produced in November 1992 with a partially serrated and full serrated blade. The full serrated blade in both these models was discontinued in 1996. In November 1993 Phyllis Goddard had a special run of 600 Junior plain edge knives made. 100 of the plain edge knives were directed to be serial

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numbered knives that were ordered by collectors. These are the only ones with this blade style. In June 1993 the "Baby Goddard" was released; the only blade style was partial serrated.

The next offering in May 1997 was the Lightweight model with handles made of black fiberglass-reinforced nylon (FRN). This Goddard Lightweight was the first ClipIt to have ATS55 steel and a clip which was field changeable for right or left hand carry. The earlier Micarta models had G2 blades.

The next evolution of this Spyderco Goddard knife was another variation with V-10 steel blades and a gray handle. These were made with a partial serrated blade and a plain edged variation. The Black Lightweights were also offered in these blade styles. With the gray handles the production was limited to 1200. These are called "sprint runs." The latest sprint run is the Burgundy Spyderco Goddard which was only made in a partial serrated blade with a limited run of 600 knives.

There are at this writing 12 variations of the Spyderco Goddard knife. The rarest is the special run done in 1998. This was the "Papa" with one micarta back handle and a special wood inlay of a beaver on the front. This was created for the Oregon Knife Collectors and limited to 60 knives. The inspiration for this project

came from Sal Glesser, and it is a special knife. The special beaver rendition was done by Sante Fe Knife Works.

It is difficult to name all the variations and enhancements to these 12

knives, but this is the fun of collecting this particular style knife. The Wayne Goddard Spyderco knives can be found on eBay, with some variations more in demand. The full serrated blade appears to be more difficult to find, and the prices reflect this. The knife soon to become a rarity will be the latest Lightweight Burgundy sprint run. Phyllis Goddard still has a few left so note the ad in this Knewsletter. With these knives you not only have the pleasure of collecting variations of the Goddard Spyderco knives, but you will also have one of the best knives to use and carry on a daily basis.



Wayne Goddard designed Spyderco ClipIts

	MODEL	YEAR	HANDLE	STEEL	Notes	
1	C16PS	1991	Black Micarta	G2	No plain edges made in this model	
2	C16S	1991	"	G2	Micarta handle full serration	
3	C18PS	1992	"	G2	Junior 50/50 edge	
4	C18S	1992	"	G2	Junior full serration	
5	C18P	1993	"	G2	Limited edition Numbered Junior - plain edge	600
6	C20PS	1993	Black Micarta	G2	"Baby" Goddard 50/50 edge	
7	C16PS	1998	Custom	G2	OKCA Club Knife	60
8	C16PSBK	1997	Black GRN	ATS55	60/40 serration	
9	C16PBK	1999	"	ATS55	Plain edge	
10	C16PSGY	2004	Gray GRN	VG10	60/40 serration	600
11	C16PGY	2004	"	VG10	Plain edge	600
12	C16PSBRG	2006	Burgundy	VG10	60/40 serration	600

PS = Partial serration edge Baby - 2.750" - 4.625"
P = Plain edge Junior - 4.250" - 7.000"
S = Full serration edge Papa - 5.500" - 9.000"